

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Rimentel et al.
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 Appln. Title: Weight Control Using an Antisense Antibody
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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: August 21, 2002



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FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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3. Independent Claims	***minus 0	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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5. Original due Date: May 21, 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)		+ \$740/370	+ \$0		146/246
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14. Petition fee for		+ \$0			
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Response under 35 USC § 115

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain active in the application.

The present invention relates to a method for inhibiting the amount of body weight gained normally after an animal eats, by feeding it an effective amount of an encapsulated immunoglobulin that binds to lipase.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that the claims are incomplete because they do not set forth any limitation encompassing what performs the function of inhibiting body weight gain or how inhibiting body weight gain is effected. However, the claims do contain such a limitation; it is "feeding to an animal an effective amount of a liposome-encapsulated immunoglobulin against lipase." This is the physical step that a person must do to effect the claimed result. It is not necessary to recite a mechanism of action in the claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.